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OR,

Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by some of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Assistance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Wednesday November 15th. to Friday November 17th. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *IN those who are design'd to serve the Government, in any Office or Employ, they are obliged to Recieve the Sacrament in the Church of* England. *I desire to know if this is a manifest abuse of that Sacred Ordinance, being contrary to the Nature of it; in my mind it is, my Reason is this, that many Persons who take that Covenant to qualify them for such a Service in the State, have been before the Receiving of the same, and continued after the most dissolute Persons in Nature: I design no Reflection on the Government in the Injunction; therefore desire an impartial Answer.*

Yours, &c. D. D.

A. To meddle with this Subject, which has been so much canvased by Party-Men, may perhaps to some seem Inconsistent with that strict Impartiality which we have always made Profession of. But shou'd such like Scruples deter us, we shou'd lay too great Restraint upon our selves, and therefore shall take the Liberty to declare our Opinion, that this Sacramental Test, conduces no less to the Honour of God than the Interest of the State: 'Tis Policy founded upon a Religious Principle. For it supposes that none can be true or faithful to their Prince that are false to God; and that the surest Demonstration of a Man's Loyalty is his Piety; and therefore it povides for the Exclusion of all those as unqualified for any share of the Government, who are unworthy to receive the Sacrament. 'Tis in the Power of the Minister (and by the Rubrick he is enjoined) to repel from the Sacrament any Person that he knows to be unworthy to receive it. By this means it becomes Men's Interest as much as their Duty to be of a Sober, Virtuous and Unblameable Life, and in all Respects faithful Members, both of the Church and State. That the Intention of the Act is not fulfilled, by Ministers neglecting their Duty in this particular, and by Prostituting this Blessed Sacrament to those that are notoriously unworthy of it, is no Objection against the act itself: And yet this has been the only thing that has hitherto been urged against it.

Q. Gentlemen, *In* Jonah, 1. 17. *We Read that the Lord had prepared a great Fish to swallow up* Jonah, Mat. 12. 40. *'tis called a Whale. I desire to be informed what sort of Fish it was, for if the Description that I have Read of a Whale be true*, viz. *That tho' his Mouth be 16 Foot wide, yet his Throat is no bigger than for a Man's Fist to enter, how is it possible for a Whale to swallow a Man?*

Gentlemen, *Your Opinion will Oblige,*

Your Humble Servant and Subscriber,

B. E. B.

A. A Whale properly so called it cou'd not be, for the Reason given by the Querist, which we acknowledg to be very just and agreeable to the best Descriptions of a Whale. By the Whale therefore here It is better to understand some Fish of the *Cetaceous* kind, which for their vast Bulk are often called Whales by Ancient Writers: And such are the *Lamia* or Sea-Dog, the *Maltha*, and *Zygæna*, of the Ancients, and especially the Tunny-Fish, the Fishers of which are by *Athenæus*, *L.* 7. called Whale-Fishers. But of these Fishes the Sea-Dog is most noted for the Largeness of its Throat, and for this Reason it is called *Lamia*, as having μέγαν λαιμὸν, and by the most approved Commentators, thought therefore to be the Fish that swallowed up *Jonah*. These Monsters are often found in the *Mediterranean* and *Red-Sea*, and in the *Main Ocean*. *Rondeletius* gives this Description of one of them. " It is a most voracious Fish, that Feeds upon the " Flesh both of Men and Beasts: It will swallow " the whole Carcase of a Man at a Time, as has " been found upon dissecting some of them. For

" at *Marseilles* and *Nice* there were taken Sea-
" Dogs in the Bellies of which were found a Man
" in Armor. And afterwards he adds, that he saw one himself upon the Coast of *Guienne* in *France*, whose Mouth and Throat was capable of a very large Fat Man.

Q. *Having occasion to construct a Triangle whose Hypotenuse and a mean Proportional between its sides are given, I find my self at a loss for a general Rule for the Solution of the Problem, and must desire the Assistance of your Sagacity in it.*

A. The Algebraical Solution is thus. Calling the Hypotenuse a, the mean Proportional b, and the Perpendicular x, the Basis will be found $=\frac{bb}{x}$, and consequently $\frac{b^4}{xx}+xx=a$ the Hypotenuse; which Equation by orderly Reduction will give $xx=\frac{1}{2}aa\pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^4-b^4}$, and therefore $x=\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}aa\pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{4}a^4-b^4}}$. The Geometrical Construction of this Equation we cannot give here for want of a Scheme.

Q. APOLLO, *Some Gentlemen who are extreamly taken with your Excellent Performances, and therefore a Veneration and deference for you, as justly you deserve, will think themselves very much Obliged if at your leisure Hours you be pleased to turn the within Lines into* English *Verse, for as they look on the Subject to be so curious, elevated and natural, and your performances in Poetry surpassing, they desire you will be pleased in your Papers to give the same as there shall be Room, believing it too much for one Paper, but still with a due caution not to loose the Sense or Connexion from one Paper to another, and if your thoughts could handsomely follow the hiccuppy Drunken pronouncing, and in all cases they are well satisfied if you are pleased to take it in Hand that you cannot miss of pleasing in it,*

Gentlemen,

Your Admirers, Wellwishers and Humble Servants,

A. B. C. D. E. F. G. H. *&c.*

A. Since your inclosed Lines (which we had not the leisure to Read) with their Translation, wou'd fill two entire Papers, we'll leave your self to judge, if (on the following consideration) you can reasonably expect we shou'd insert them, *viz.* We have a vast Number of Letters come, beyond what can possibly be crouded into our Papers, and can often insert but one out of three from the same Person. Therefore we shou'd be very unjust to divers others, shou'd we fill up two Papers, with a single Question from one Querist: When so many from others must be excluded for it.

Q. Gentlemen, *You were so kind to answer my Query in yours of the 9th, but say you can't propose a Method for raising a Fortune, unless better acquainted with my Circumstances and Inclination. I have a-have about* 50 l. per Annum *Estate in my own Hands; I always had a strong Inclination to Pleading, nor do I find any thing, with respect to Strength of Constitution, or Tone of Voice, to discourage me from the Bar. I would therefore entreat you to let me know what Term of Years you think requisite for the study of the Common Law of* England, *and one must necessarily continue therein, before one can be called to the Bar? Your speedy Answer will lay a farther Obligation upon,*

Your very humble and obliged Servant,

T. K.

A. 'Tis difficult to give Judgment on such a Case, without a Personal Acquaintance with the Querist; since there is such a vast Disparity between the Capacities of Persons: Some shall prove as great Proficients in any kind of Learning, in five Years, as others in seven. Nor is this all, but there requires a particular Genius to advance Gentlemen to a fair Prospect from the Bar. To be profoundly read in the Law, is not sufficient, tho' happy in a vast Memory for Retention; but they must be quick at all brisk Turns of Repartee; and to be prompt at Banter, is no contemptible Requisite. It is very fair, if in seven Years time you appear on the Stage with advantage. Fifty Pounds, *per Annum*, you will find a short Stipend, with Taxes, *&c.* deducted, to subsist on, and converse with Gentlemen, and impossible also to raise a Library out of it; but, perhaps, besides your Real, you may have some Personal Estate to assist in that. But this we must add, That your having a strong Inclination to the Practice of the Law, will much accelerate, and facilitate your Accomplishment therein.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have a considerable number of Letters which come by the Penny-Post, for each of which I pay a Penny, tho' but two Miles from* London, *and Penny-Post paid be on the Back, you therefore are desired, not only by my self, but abundance other of Gentlemen, to insert in one of your following Papers, whether any Penny can be lawfully demanded by the Messengers of the Post aforesaid, on the delivery of a Letter or Parcel? An Answer to this Query, will give abundant satisfaction to most Gentlemen living about* London, *and, among the rest, to,*

Gentlemen, Your Admirer,

W. F.

A. As near as we can remember, there was no such Expence charg'd in the Constitution of the Undertaking, and 'tis contrary to Reason, that a Letter should cost more into the Country, than from the same Place to *London*; besides the Post-Mark, is an Acquittance of the Charge. Upon the whole, we believe it an Imposition, and that should the Officers refuse delivering a Letter with the Post-Receipt upon it, they are liable to be sued for Damages.

POEMS.

Q. *Grant me kind Fate, my Liberty and Health,*
To lead a Life just as it were by stealth;
Not Wealth my Mind, or to seduce, or harm,
But just enough Want's pressing Ills to Charm.
Grant by each Passion, Reason be obey'd,
Reason it self be by Experience sway'd.
If Grief or Pain sometimes I needs must know,
(For who's so blest as to be free from Woe?)
Grant it may be (to ease reflecting Thought)
By Heav'n's Degrees (and not my Folly) brought.
Free me from needless doubt from needless Care,
Vain flattering Hope, Tyrannical Despair,

But

But from me, as the greatest Plagues, remove
Ambition and (that greater Evil) Love.

Grant me some Seat, which I my own may call,
Tho' it be ne'er so Humble, ne'er so small,
A Table too, which may be daily seen,
Furnish'd with Hearty wholesome Fare, tho' mean,
Some Pleasant Books at leisure Hours to view,
I'd have some intimate Acquaintance too,
But both be very choice, and very few.

Tir'd with the World's Affairs, thus set me down,
Far from the Tumult of the Busy Town,
Free from all Worldly aims, Scorn or Praise,
To pass in Ease and Innocence my Days.

Say, if this may for true Content suffice,
This modest humble Wish, befit the Wise,
Or what from uncheck'd Fancy do's arise?
Th' immoderate Thrift of Riches, Pow'r, or Fame,
Or ought beside, at which we Blindly aim,
Altho' no Rest mistaken vain Mankind,
In the Pursuit or the Enjoyment find.

A. You take, alas! wrong measures to Create,
A true Enjoyment of that Blissful State;
Untrodden Paths, we fancy wondrous sweet,
Which if pursu'd might sorely gall our Feet:
So some Regale themselves (in being Guests)
More with their Expectations, than the Feasts.

Might you retire thus from the Noisy Town,
Beyond the reach of Angry *Fortune's* Frown,
Where *Nature*, Innocence and Freedom yeilds,
In *Aromatic* Groves and Flow'ry Fields,
While all the Storms in Courts, and Factions bred,
Fly far above your unmolested Head;
The true Contentment you were *sure* to taste,
With all your smiling Hours, in Pleasures past;
Not Conscious that a dull unactive Life,
Gives more uneasiness, than noise and strife;
Since such Retirement, with it often brings,
Black Anxious Thoughts, Arm'd with a Thou-
[sand Stings,
And frequently the *Spleen*, by which we find,
Huge Clouds of Miseries oppress the Mind.

If e'er this *Happy State* you wou'd obtain,
Those distant Explorations are in vain,
Since Ign'rant of the Pleasure and the Pain;
And thence great Chance, we e'er shou'd hit the
[Mark,
When all our aim is taken in the Dark.
What turns from that, for ever will turn round;
Fashion that to *Content*, what e'er it is,
And then your wish'd for end you cannot Miss,
Each step aside, procrastinates your Bliss.

Q. *Which to our tenderest Kindness may pretend,*
An only Sister or a dearest Friend;
Say which engagement highest you approve,
The Friendship made by Nature, or by Love;

A. Since that most Nat'ral Seems which does
[arise,
From Gen'ine Particles of Symphathies;
That Friendship where your Love makes choice,
[pursue,
Since 'tis Inspir'd by Love and Nature too.

APOLLO,

Q. *What e'er we indite,*
You Ape *us downright,*
While exactly our measures you follow;
Why may not, then say,
Thou great God of Day,
An Ape *be as good as* APOLLO.

A. That makes no pretence,
To Reason and Sense,
Tho' to Imitation inclin'd,
While you want 'em too,
An *Ape's* more like you,
At least in the Dress of your mind.

APOLLO,

Q. *Suppose when I'm Drunk,*
I pick up a Punk,
She Swears she is sound,
Which false soon I found,
And I Swear I will give her a Guinea:
Since she did decieve me,
And in such a Plight leave me,
If I on demand,
Pay Guinea in Hand,
D'ye think I shou'd not be a Ninny?

A. The Guinea is due,
And just debt from you;
Your Promise does bind,
And what you did find,
Your Sense might have told you before;
And howe'er you fare,
With your Rotten Ware,
We needs must aver it,
'Twas due to your Merit,
And you had your Agreement and more.

In the last *Apollo*, *P.* 2. *Col.* 2. *Lin.* 31. for an Adverb of Composition, *read*, an Adverb of Comparison.

SIR,

THE Letters from Brussels, Nov. 22. Advise, that the on Thursday the 20th Instant, about Two a-Clock in the Afternoon, his Grace the Duke of Marlborough and Pr. Eugene arriv'd there, being heartily welcom'd by all

all the Nobility and Magistrates, who Congratulated and Complimented them with many Thanks for the great and eminent Services they have perform'd for the Confederates, in taking so many important and strong Towns this last Campaign, in sight of as strong, if not stronger Army, than the Confederates, that Cardinal Bouillon arriv'd also with the said Princes, and will go with Prince Eugene to Vienna, and thence to Rome, that Letters from Paris, of the 17th, say, That the Detachment from Dauphine pursue their March towards Roussillon, where, they say, the Duke de Noailles will be the 25th, instant, with the Army, ready to penetrate into Catalonia; in order to which they send, from Languedoc to Collioure, Provisions and Ammunition.

London, November the 17th.

On Saturday next, Her Majesty comes to St. James's from Hawpton-Court, and returns no more this Season.

The Vice-Chancellor, and the Heads of the University of Cambridge, have Publickly expell'd Mr. William Whiston, M. A. Professor of the Mathematicks, for denying the Eternal Divinity of the Son of God, and openly Propogating the Arian Heresy, to the great Scandal of Christianity, and Danger to the Youth Educated in that University.

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A General Meeting of the Subscribers was held at *Sadler's-Hall*, in *Cheapside*, on *Thursday*, *October* the 19, 1710, and a Second Six Trustees were added to the former, to whom Security is given, pursuant to the Proposals which may be had *Gratis*, at the Office.

MR. *Roger Grant*, OCULIST and OPERATOR, in Extraordinary to Her MAJESTY, who has been so successful in Couching the Cataract and Curing all other Curable Distempers in the Eyes, lives in St. *Christopher's Church-Yard*, where he has lately brought to Sight these Persons under-nam'd. *Wil. Jones*, at *Newington-Buts*, born blind, brought to Sight in 5 minutes. *Susan Barns*, at Mr. *Haunches*, in the *Broad-way Westminster*, blind 11 Years, brought to Sight in 3 minutes. *Mary Dearing*, in *Swan-Yard* near *Newgate*, aged 75 Years, restored to Sight in one Minute. *Elizabeth Wild*, in *Bell-Alley Goswell-Street*, blind of one Eye 23 Years, restored to Sight in 5 minutes. *William Dixon*, in *Chelsea-College*, aged 87, restor'd to Sight in 5 minutes. *John Myers* on *Saffron-Hill*, blind by Obstruction of the *Optick Nerves*. A Gentlewoman whose Mother lives at Justice *Constables* in *Goodman's-Fields*, the same. Mrs. *Jackson* in *Wood's-Close*, the same. Mr. *Williams*, in *Peter-Street Old-Soho*. *Anne Andrews* in *Goswell-Street*. *Saywell Lathan*, at *Adam's-Coffee-House Chancery-Lane*. *Anne Allen*, in *Nightingal-Lane*. *NOTE*, These with 235 others have been Cur'd since *Sept.* 1708 by the aforesaid Mr. *Grant*.

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